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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wang et al.

Application No. 09/636,161

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: POLISHING SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF ITS USE

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Lynette T. Umez-Eronini

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28-31 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment

A Preliminary Amendment dated January 17, 2002, was filed with the Patent Office. Applicants request entry of the amendments to the specification and the claims recited in the Preliminary Amendment. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement dated January 17, 2002, with the aforementioned Preliminary Amendment. The Information Disclosure Statement was accompanied by Form PTO-1449, which identified references AQ-AV. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Information Disclosure Statement and return of a copy of the Examiner-initialed Form PTO-1449 confirming the Examiner's consideration of references AQ-AV.

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I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: January 17, 2002

A handwritten signature, "John K. L. Jr.", written in cursive over a horizontal line.

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